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25 August 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Communications  
FROM : OC Representative, Project ASPIN  
SUBJECT : Report of Project ASPIN

1. Attached is a summary of the final Report of Project ASPIN and some notes on the possible impact of the report on the Support Directorate. As it was outside the purview of ASPIN to study any component or process other than those involved in the production of intelligence, the possible impact of the project's recommendations are implicit rather than explicit with regard to the Directorate. I hope that my own interests are sufficiently catholic to have caught most of the significant areas of interest to the DD/S and subordinate offices. I will continue to review the report on a more leisurely basis in an attempt to glean other items of interest to the Office of Communications and the Directorate as a whole.

2. I would like to go on record at this juncture to state that I thoroughly enjoyed my stint with ASPIN; the information I gained on ADP matters, the DD/I, the DD/S&T, the IPB and information handling in general throughout the Agency has already proven to be of considerable benefit in my new assignment.

25X1A 3. In addition to the personal satisfaction I experienced  
25X1A in studying, analyzing, and reporting during the course of the project, I was impressed with the caliber of people seconded to ASPIN, particularly its Director, [REDACTED]. While I felt we had difficulty in communicating at the outset of the project, I came to respect [REDACTED] for his candor, forthrightness and considerable intellectual capacity. Despite this candor and directness I learned that he is a pretty fine human being, and I feel that most ASPIN Staffers have benefited materially because of their association with him -- they certainly will be more objective in approaching problems in their new assignments.

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4. The benefits accruing to the Support Directorate through representation on projects such as ASPIN, while intangible, are felt to be significant and considerable. I would encourage such representation in the future even though there are no direct benefits to the Directorate.



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Attachment:  
Summary of Final Report  
of Project ASPIN

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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

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FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1A 812 Ames Bldg.		EXTENSION 3601	NO.
		DATE 25 August 1970	
TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS
	RECEIVED	FORWARDED	
1. Director of Communications	25 Aug.		<p>This paper, prepared by [REDACTED] our rep. on ASPIN, will be of interest to you and the DD/S.</p> <p>25X1A [REDACTED]</p>
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